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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/265,307	Applicant(s) WEBB ET AL.	
	Examiner Niloofer Rahmani	Art Unit 1625	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment and response filed by applicant's date 04/22/2005 has been entered and considered carefully. Claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 17, 21, 23, 28, 33, 57, 62, 65, 69, 70, 75, 78, 82, 84, 89, 90, 94, 97, 101, 103, 107, 108, 110, 114, 119-201 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-20, 22, 24-27, 29-32, 34-56, 58-61, 63-64, 66-68, 71-74, 76-77, 79-81, 83, 85-88, 91-93, 95-96, 98-100, 102, 104-106, 109, 11-113, 115-118 are cancelled.

2. 103(a) rejection of the claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 17, 21, 23, 28, 33, 57, 62, 65, 69, 70, 75, 78, 82, 84, 89, 90, 94, 97, 101, 103, 107, 108, 110, 114, 119-201 over Yoshida et al, Kataoka et al, Rentsch et al. is maintained for reason of record. The applicant's declaration has been considered and it was not overcome the instant 103. Applicant's arguments on MTD levels of the prior art are inconclusive because the MTD of the compounds used in the prior art are not presented.

3. ***Claim Rejections - Obvious Double Patenting***

Claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 17, 21, 23, 28, 33, 57, 62, 65, 69, 70, 75, 78, 82, 84, 89, 90, 94, 97, 101, 103, 107, 108, 110, 114, 119-201 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of US 6,602,902. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the current invention claims are embraced by the invention claimed in the above patent.

Determination of the scope and content of the prior art (MPEP §2141.01)

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Shashoua et al. in US 6,602,902 claimed a pharmaceutical preparation comprising a covalent conjugate of fatty acid and a noncentral nervous system active agent (which can be a taxane derivatives, see column 5, line 23).

Ascertainment of the difference between the prior art and the claims (MPEP §2141.02)

The difference between the instant claims and the prior art is that Shashoua does not mention the MTD.

Finding of prima facie obviousness-rational and motivation (MPEP §2142.2143)

The instant claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 17, 33, 57, 62, 65, 69, 70, 75, 78, 82, 84, 89, 90, 94, 97, 101, 103, 107-108, 110, 114, 119-201 are therefore fully embraced by the prior art claim 7.

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See In re Goodman, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); In re Longi, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); In re Van Ornum, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); In re Vogel, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, In re Thorington, 418 F.2d 528, 168 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130 (b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niloofar Rahmani whose telephone number is

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571-272-4329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are
1,5,7,12,17,21,23,28,33,57,62,65,69,70,75,78,82,84,89,90,94,97,101,103,107,108,110,114 and 119-201.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims rejected are
1,5,7,12,17,21,23,28,33,57,62,65,69,70,75,78,82,84,89,90,94,97,101,103,107,108,110,114 and 119-201.